

Craig Attacks Enright Bills For Printing

Two Pamphlets From Police Bureau Sent Broadcast Through the Mails at 4 Cents Postage Each Tracts Deny Crime Wave

City Shall Not Pay for Paper and Ink, Anyway, the Comptroller Declares

Comptroller Charles L. Craig picked up a new trail yesterday in his investigation of accounts in the various city agencies leading directly into Police Headquarters. He turned the flashlight of inquiry for the moment from Aldermanic President La Guardia, whom he charged with paying personal and political telegraph and telephone bills with city money, to Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright.

The Comptroller was one of the first persons to obtain copies of two pamphlets, published by Commissioner Enright and circulated in the mails, in defense of the Enright police administration and as propaganda evidently intended to convince the public that there has been no crime wave. The pamphlets had appeared yesterday and were received by various persons throughout the city, including members of civic bodies and other organizations.

The circumstance that interested the Comptroller particularly was that both pamphlets bore the imprint of the bureau of printing of the Police Department, indicating, Mr. Craig said, that the Commissioner intended the city should foot the bill. One of the pamphlets, a sixteen-page folio, was a reproduction of Commissioner Enright's address before the Kings County Grand Jurors' Association on January 14, which was a vigorous defense of his administration. The other is an eight-page reprint of an interview which George Creel had with the Commissioner and which was published in The Times on January 23. The Comptroller has started his examination on the trail.

Says City Won't Pay Bills

"Somebody besides the city is going to pay for the paper and ink, anyway," the Comptroller said. It had not been ascertained so far how many of the circulars had been printed and how many mailed. The circulars were inclosed in one envelope, carrying four cents postage. The Comptroller's examiners will endeavor to learn whether it was proper to charge this postage to the city. The circulars seemed to have been sent broadcast over the city. In some instances old material was used, it appeared, since some of them arrived at addresses which had not been in existence for several years.

Mr. Craig said that the Comptroller's office that the Enright circulars merely added another interesting chapter to the Police Department's printing bill, the Comptroller having discovered that the Enright circulars were printed by O. K. D. the alleged private and political telegrams of Mayor F. H. La Guardia, President of the Board of Aldermen, that the same examiner had passed up items for the Police Department which the Comptroller believed should not be paid by the city.

Among these items was a bill for \$1,325 for the printing of circulars and programs for the launching last year of the police boat John F. Hylan, the printing and engraving of which were done by the decorative features of the program, it was said, included handsome engraved photographs of Mayor Hylan and Commissioner Enright. The city Comptroller learned that the bill before the Comptroller and he did not indicate what course if any he might pursue in the matter. He has been able to find who paid for the bottle of champagne which his department was informed was used at the launching.

Holds Up Another Bill
The Comptroller has the bill for another picture of the Mayor, however, for which he does not intend the city should foot the bill. This is the full page likeness of His Honor which appeared on the menu card of the dinner tendered by the Mayor's Committee on Distinction of Returning Soldiers and Sailors at the Waldorf-Astoria on October 2 last.

The bill for the printing in this instance was \$3,300, according to the Comptroller, and it was a balance of \$2,190 from a bill of \$4,485 for food and refreshments at the dinner. The Comptroller said that the city should not pay for the cost of these items. The rest of the food bill, the Comptroller was informed, was paid by patrons of the dinner, but he has been unable to learn what patrons paid and he has written to John F. Sinnott, the Mayor's secretary, that "expenditures for a dinner to the returning soldiers should not be contemplated or provided for in the authorization of special revenue bonds for returning soldiers and distinguished visitors."

In the course of his investigation the Comptroller also discovered that a lighting plant which the city purchased for the Police Department found its way without proper authorization into the Public Library, at Forty-second Street and Fifth Avenue, in order to afford more illumination to the library as a guard against thieves.

According to information in the Comptroller's office, the theft of a loaned set of minerals valued at about \$400 was reported to the Police Department by the library authorities a month or two ago. The complaint was made at the time that the library's own lighting plant was not adequate and that it not only might aid thieves in their work, but that tramps even slipped into the building and slept under the benches.

The Police Department, it was said, agreed to give the library the \$4,000 dynamo of an expensive lighting plant which had been installed at Police Headquarters, but which never had been used. The dynamo was said to have been removed from Police Headquarters under the cover of darkness on the night of January 4 and installed in the library. The legal course to pursue, Mr. Craig says, would have been for the department to notify the Sinking Fund Commission that it did not need the dynamo and the library should

Girl Runaway Returns Home—for \$10—Gone Again

Fourteen-year-old Grace Elva Anderson, who walked out of her home at 92 Sterling P. Ave., Brooklyn, last Tuesday and stayed away, walked in again yesterday, quite unconcerned. Her three brothers and her aunt, Miss Grace Cole, with whom she lived, were not at home. Grace stayed long enough to find a \$10 bill in a bureau drawer and then departed, leaving a new suitcase containing clothing which she had been wearing.

"I think that Grace is acting under the direction of a master mind in the criminal world," said Miss Cole when she returned and learned of the visit and the \$10 bill. "The reason I believe this is that she took \$150 when she left the house last Tuesday, and I think this master mind sent her back to-day to see if she could get more money. She took \$10 out of a bureau drawer, and I should not be surprised if she should return again for more money."

Miss Cole thinks that when the master mind of the criminal world has blown in her \$10 the police may run across Grace trying to dig up some

have made application to the same body for its transfer. No such course was taken, according to the Comptroller's office.

As a result of the Comptroller's investigation an orderly application has just been made to the Sinking Fund Commission and the matter now is pending before that body.

Hirshfield's Clerks Sort Records in Hotbox Room

Craig Said to Have Refused Own Office for Task, Proceeding Next to Cellar Boilers

Down in dirty, dimly lighted hotbox of a room, next to the boiler room of the Hall of Records, auditors, clerks and examiners from the office of David Hirshfield, Commissioner of Accounts, are sweating and working on filed records and vouchers from the Comptroller's office to make up the quarterly report of disbursements and receipts of the finance department, as required by the Commissioner of Accounts under the city charter.

Comptroller Craig drove the Hirshfield aides to the cellar of the Hall of Records, according to the Commissioner, by refusing to permit them to come into the Comptroller's office and examine the documents in a more comfortable and orderly atmosphere, as has been the custom for years.

The Comptroller refused to honor Commissioner Hirshfield's requisition for the vouchers and warrants in the custody of the finance department. The temperature of the record room in which the men were working was usually about eighty degrees, and the men worked in their undershirts. The Comptroller's repeated attempts to see the Comptroller failed, and he was obliged to send his staff to the dungeon in the basement of the Hall of Records.

Trussed-Up Clerk Does Some Rolling To Report Robbery

Salesman in an Amsterdam Avenue Cigar Shop Loses Own Cash and Watch; \$50 Is Stolen From Register

Morris Abrams, fifty-year-old clerk of the United Cigar Shop, 926 Amsterdam Avenue, qualified last night as a long-distance roller after two chubby bandits had bound his hands and feet with the store's twine and departed with \$50 in cash. They also took \$10 from Abrams, beside his gold watch and chain.

Abrams was drumming his fingers on a glass showcase top when two men, dressed in rather flashy dress sauntered in. Out of their pockets came revolvers. "Up with 'em!" said one. "You know," Abrams complied. While one intruder lingered at the front of the store the other marched the clerk into a rear room. There he spread the protesting Abrams on the floor, gagged him with a cloth and placed him in a "Stay there now," said the bandit, "or we'll kill you!"

The bandit then went through his victim's pockets, extracted a \$10 bill and a watch and chain and joined his companion. The robbers emptied the cash register, helped themselves to cigars and vanished.

A pedestrian assisted him. Once on his feet Abrams needed no assistance in getting to the front of the store. The Fitzgerald and Morrell, of the West 103rd Street station, began a search for the bandits.

New York Police Hunt Stolen Autos by Radio

Wireless To Be Used in Sending Out Alarms for Criminals if System Works

The wireless apparatus at Police Headquarters has been used since February 1 in sending out alarms for stolen automobiles, it was learned last night.

Full descriptions of stolen cars have been included in all messages sent. The apparatus can reach cities within a radius of 300 miles. It was reported at Headquarters that if the new method of sending automobile alarms proves practicable the wireless may be used in sending out alarms for criminals.

Police Probe in Springfield
SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 7.—The City Council to-night authorized an investigation of the Springfield Police Department and appropriated \$2,000 for the purpose. A committee of five was named to conduct the probe.

Motor Thefts Drop From 100 A Week to None

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and he will continue his fight this morning before Judge Mulqueen in General Sessions. His conference with newspaper men last night Mr. Whitman said that he planned to go before the grand jury this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and while he thought the time would be too short to present all the evidence he had to present, it was very likely that several indictments might be returned.

Other Departments Involved
Contrary to the generally accepted idea that the indictments would embrace the automobile scandal or some of its ramifications, it was reported yesterday that the men involved are connected with other city departments. Nothing was forthcoming to indicate the identity of the men or their city connections.

Mr. Whitman had before him yesterday a number of people in close touch with the payments of "rewards" to policemen for the recovery of automobiles. All admitted that the situation had been serious until the beginning of the Whitman inquiry, but that matters had improved since.

Two of the witnesses who have made damaging confessions against the police in the alleged automobile scandal to Mr. Groehl are now in prison. The third man was brought to the Criminal Court yesterday afternoon by a detective sergeant and said to have implicated a man who heretofore has not been mentioned in the automobile scandal. The man was absolutely clear of mind and involved also, it is said, is a court attaché and an automobile squad man now under suspicion.

The newspaper story regarding the mysterious "Mrs. White, of Bridgeport," said to have been arrested by the Federal authorities in Connecticut, who had implicated New York policemen, was exploded yesterday. The tip had no solid foundation.

Report Involves Old Case
On Saturday The Tribune received a tip that such a woman had been arrested "somewhere in Connecticut." Acting with William Chivers, one of the Whitman associates, the Tribune reporters established the fact that the tip had no solid foundation.

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As soon as the leader had whistled his companions rushed out of the house, seized the girl from a dismounted bed on the front porch and hurled it through the window, breaking a chandelier in the center of the ceiling and striking Mr. Albohn on the head, it fell. She was knocked unconscious. Then the gangsters swarmed into the room. As they came Mr. Albohn and his wife seized three soda bottles from the card table and flung them at the leader. One of the invaders fired a pistol, the bullet going wild, and Harold Albohn returned the fire with a twelve-gauge shotgun, the charge ripping a hole six inches square in a corner of the ceiling. One of the gangsters then struck Mrs. Ligouras in the eye with the butt of his revolver and another tore the telephone from the hand of Mr. Albohn, who was trying to summon aid, and hurled it at Mrs. Albohn's father, A. Croutier, who a few years ago was killed by a bullet from the nose with a razor and his cousin, Howard Hayes, the same age, was knocked out by a blow on the head.

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Meanwhile the gang had hustled the girl into the machine, and as Harold came out, freshly armed, it started to speed away. The boy fired two shots. They were answered by a fusillade from the fleeing car.

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War Cost Fixed at 348 Billions
BALTIMORE, Feb. 7.—Total costs of the World War were declared to be more than \$348,000,000,000 by Dr. Richard P. Strong, of the Harvard Medical School, in a lecture to the Johns Hopkins University. The actual loss of life due to the war was placed at 43,000,000.

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Woman Slaps Conductor, Saves Nickel; Court Fines Her \$10

Militant Passenger Loses Temper When Trolley Man Insists on Collecting for Ride, Then She Punches Him Smartly on the Nose for Good Measure

Nine dollars and ninety-five cents, when one takes out the nickel that a gallant gentleman had paid for her carfare, was the cost of two slaps and a punch delivered upon the cheeks and nose of a streetcar conductor yesterday by Miss Alfonso Loyacono, twenty-two years old, of 219 West Tenth Street, who says she is a model employed in a dressmaking establishment.

Miss Loyacono, who is of French and Spanish descent, boarded a Sixth Avenue car, in charge of Sam Orlos, of 385 South Second Street, Brooklyn, at Tenth Street yesterday, and, although a search of her purse revealed no money, she insisted on continuing her ride, the conductor testified. To the conductor's statement that she would have to pay, he testified that she answered:

"What's the difference? I don't have to pay." Then came the two slaps, which were placed swiftly and accurately—one on each of the conductor's cheeks.

Either from gallantry or a humane

Gangmen Steal Girl in Battle; 2 Women Hurt

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Gov. Edwards Asked to Wage War on Bandits

Home Defense Boards May Be Reorganized in Jersey to Check Crime Wave in Northern Part of State

Legislative Aid Sought

Hold-Up of 17 Members of Golf Club Is Climax of Many Recent Outrages

As a result of the hold-up of seven men guests, nine women and a chauffeur, on their way home from the fashionable Baltusrol Golf Club at Springfield, N. J., early Sunday morning, and the wounding of one of the men, the Governor and Legislature will be called upon for aid in suppressing banditry in the northern part of the state.

Governor Edwards will be asked to revive the war-time home defense organizations for patrol duty, according to J. Osmond Nichols, president of the Sports Hills Association. Prosecutor Walter L. Hetheld, of Union County, who is chairman of Governor Edwards' anti-crime committee, said yesterday that he would call a meeting later in the week in Trenton and will suggest that the Legislature be asked for an appropriation for special police to act under direction of the committee.

Five Bandits at Seaside
Robert S. Huse, of 575 Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth, who resisted the thugs and was shot in the arm and back, was reported to be making encouraging progress at the Elizabeth General Hospital yesterday. He will not lose his arm, surgeons said after an X-ray picture had been taken.

Members of the party who gave out the first statements of the hold-up said that only three of the highwaymen appeared when the three motor cars containing the club members and their guests were halted by a caddy bench and other obstructions that had been placed in the road near the clubhouse. Other victims said yesterday two additional bandits were at the scene, though they did not take part in searching the men.

The actual work was done by three men, the others remaining in the back seat. There is no doubt in the minds of the entire party that the work of robbery was halted before the plans of the robbers had been carried out owing to the resistance of Mr. Huse, who aimed a blow at the robber who held him. Mr. Huse's foot slipped, however, causing him to fall, and he was shot before he could regain his feet.

John Galatin, chief of county detectives, believes the hold-up was the work of a gang that has been operating unmolested in northern New Jersey since early in December. There are five members in this gang, according to Chief Galatin. At the end of their hold-up of the Baltusrol Club members the three bandits who did the actual work fired several shots in the air, which is believed to have been a signal to others.

Long Series of Crimes
Chief Galatin says the crimes attributed to this gang of robbers are as follows:

Hold-up of two trolley cars in Summit January 26; hold-up of a one-man trolley at Union January 8; hold-up of six motorists at Bloomingdale, N. J., Clark Township, December 27; hold-up

of several motorists in Springfield Avenue, Cranford, January 24, and hold-up of several watchmen and of women in their homes.

According to Chief Galatin the descriptions of the hold-up men in these cases and in the Baltusrol case tally almost identically. Under the direction of Sheriff George H. Johnston, the Union County Safety Committee made up of details of police from various municipalities and of volunteer citizens, was operating yesterday, keeping a close watch on all roads in the county, especially those leading to Elizabeth and Newark.

Bandits Know the Country
"They knew just where to go and how to get there," said Mrs. Thomas, whose husband is a New York stock broker. They carefully were well acquainted with the country, for they told Mr. Thomas to beware of a sharp turn in the road, which was not visible owing to the fog. At Kenilworth they ordered Mr. Thomas to stop his car. The bandits held a conversation, saying something about going to Newark. Finally they told Mr. Thomas to drive away and to keep his mouth shut. "I don't know in which direction they fled because it was hard to see and we were too frightened."

Mrs. Huse, wife of the member of the party who was wounded by the bandits, was recently appointed a member of the Board of Education of Elizabeth. She is prominently identified with the Equal Suffrage League and is an official of the New Jersey League of Republican Women.

Charles G. Black, of Elizabeth, a director of the Standard Oil Company, at the Baltusrol Club, but was not at the club when the hold-up occurred. By Colonel Paul Debevoise, of Elizabeth and New York. Mr. Black remained at the clubhouse all night, for an early round of golf the next morning.

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